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UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL SEEKS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE TO EASE STUDENT HOUSING SHORTAGE

LOWELL, MASS. - At the University of Lowell an increase in the number of students requesting dormitory space, coupled with a growing enrollment has caused a serious shortage of housing for the Fall semester.

The University has filled nearly 1600 residence requests for full time students at its six dormitory facilities, but still has a waiting list of nearly 600 applicants for housing.

According to Associate Dean of Students James Donohoe, the waiting list is expected to grow by September. He suggested that one reason for the housing demand is the energy crisis -- the high price of gasoline and current fuel shortages.

"It's now almost as expensive to commute as it is to live in our dormitories," said Donohoe. He added that many schools in the state are experiencing this higher demand for housing, noting that Boston University has 1100 persons on its waiting list.

The University is appealing to the residents of Lowell's neighborhoods, especially those around the school's two campuses, as well as to residents in nearby towns such as Dracut, Chelmsford, and Tyngsborough for off-campus housing. These spaces can be apartments, small houses, or extra rooms in a family home.

Area residents who are willing to provide housing for University of Lowell students should contact Ellen C. Duggan, Assistant Dean of Students for details at 452-5000, extension 2208 or 2209.